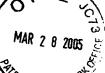
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 28, 2004 the above-identified application, the Applicant respectfully submits the following.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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